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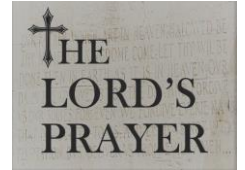
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Suggested Questions for Individual
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- Where do you go when you need to pray? For what do you find yourself praying most often?
- Read Matthew 6:5-15 for context. Before giving what we call “The Lord’s Prayer,” what does Jesus say about where and how we should pray? What does this reveal about Jesus’ understanding of prayer?
- How does the model prayer Jesus provides (Mt. 6:9-13) encompass the many facets of our lives, including the social, political, physical, and spiritual? Give specific examples for each.
- For what are we invited to pray in the first half of the prayer (Mt. 6:9-10)? How does the focus shift in the second half of the prayer (Mt. 6:11-13)? How would using this order shape our prayers and our focus in daily life?
- Jesus invites us to address God as “our Father.” In what ways do you find this to be a bridge and/or a barrier to approaching God in prayer?
- By addressing God as “our Father,” what is assumed about our relationships with God and with others? How might this guide our attitudes and approach to prayer?
- As we pray to our Father “in heaven,” where is God? Where exactly is heaven in relation to us as we pray? How should God’s presence in heaven influence what we pray for and how we pray?
- What is one way you can incorporate the Lord’s Prayer into your spiritual practices this week (e.g., use as a framework for my daily prayers; recite repeatedly & meditatively throughout my day; focus on one petition each day through the week)? How can your small group support you in this practice?

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